Most grateful for the documents, & for the Narrative. The Lor- deserves Enormous credit for his work. I am sure that you will be pleased with it. Many not on whom Secretary has the least claim. He has done more than any other man. I am sorry to say, it is for the first time I have had occasion to write to the Interior Department since I have been in office. I am dear Father Yours truly

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Wm. Speer

One Eagle

Head thought in the greatest haste to say how sorry I was to be prevented from writing to you at the time I replied to Mr. Preston, that I might have enclosed, what I wrote to him, for you to read privately But you may easily imagine the general tenor of what would suggest that I forgot, however to warn him against Mr Ward. That individual looks upon the Canoe just as Mr Simmons does — solely with regard to its capacity for paying Salaries.

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It is just as difficult for a black man to be an abolitionist as for a white one. I am truly rejoiced that Mr Pleasant should have got his experience so speedily as to the uselessness of the Manchester league. I ventured to advise caution in the formation of societies. If they are not made of seasoned stuff, they are but Islands placed at the enemy's command. I advised also that Glasgow, Bristol & the old guard generally, should be sought & made the moral centre of new efforts. I hoped that George Thompson might be kept in the field. Thus I

believe was the substance of my practical remarks. The Biblical Theory, or religious ones were in harmony with these. I hope Mr. Pierson may not have thought me too forward or presumptuous. In all I felt as if I might trust to the love of the cause to plead my excuse. We are waiting impatiently to see Dillahunty. I hope he will not leave England without seeing your good father, but that done I trust he would not delay. Let him return to England or take to Scotch circles as Mc. Cain did on his return, after his health & strength again by a little rest & diversion. He

has worked too hard & too long. We are all much occupied in preparing for Pau or Hyeres, in case we should finally decide to send Lucia thither.

In reply to a word in your to Caroline, I can only say that I suppose I must have misunderstood George's journal or something in that, or his letters, in which he seems to suppose that I agree with him in the policising policy. To him it is not such: He does not suspect how Jo. Strege has been using him up, & reaching out the Chamerovzow's paw to drag him by. But it is the policy of the enemy, & I am grieved to see a friend deluded by it. I have